

THIRTIETH CONGRESS — SECOND SESSION.

**H. R. 754.**

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 3, 1849.

Read twice.

FEBRUARY 16, 1849.

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. VINTON, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following bill:

**A BILL**

Making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
- 2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
- 3 *assembled,* That the following sums of money be, and
- 4 they are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post
- 5 Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of
- 6 June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, out of any
- 7 moneys in the treasury arising from the revenues of the
- 8 said department, in conformity to the act of the second of
- 9 July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, namely:

10 For transportation of the mails within the United  
 11 States, two millions five hundred and forty thousand dol-  
 12 lars ;

13 For transportation of the mails in four steamships,  
 14 at one hundred thousand dollars each per year, from New  
 15 York to Bremen, by way of Southampton, under the con-  
 16 tract made with the Ocean Steam Navigation Company,  
 17 of New York, in addition to the sum of three hundred  
 18 and eighty-three thousand six hundred and nine dollars of  
 19 former appropriations for the same object, which it is esti-  
 20 mated will remain unexpended on the thirtieth of June,  
 21 eighteen hundred and forty-nine, sixteen thousand three  
 22 hundred and ninety-one dollars ;

23 For transportation of the mails between Charleston,  
 24 South Carolina, and Havana, by way of Key West, calling  
 25 at Savannah, under the contract made with M. C. Mor-  
 26 decai, fifty thousand dollars ; and for transportation of the  
 27 mail by said line or by other steamers, to such other places  
 28 on the coast of Florida as the Postmaster General may  
 29 deem practicable and expedient, five thousand dollars ;

30 For compensation of postmasters, one million two  
 31 hundred and twenty thousand dollars ;

32 For ship, steamboat, and way letters, thirty thousand  
 33 dollars ;

34 For wrapping paper, twenty-two thousand dollars ;

- 35 For office furniture, (in the offices of postmasters,)  
36 three thousand dollars;
- 37 For advertising, fifty thousand dollars ;
- 38 For mail bags, twenty-five thousand dollars ;
- 39 For blanks, twenty-one thousand dollars ;
- 40 For mail locks, keys, and stamps, six thousand dol-  
41 lars ;
- 42 For the detection and prevention of mail depredations  
43 and for special agents, including the two agents for Oregon  
44 and California, twenty thousand dollars ;
- 45 For clerks for offices, (the offices of postmasters,)  
46 two hundred and sixty thousand dollars ;
- 47 For miscellaneous, sixty thousand dollars.